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Director's Meeting

Wednesday, 12 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, []

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The Director:

3-13-52
a. Referred to the item in the Log concerning [] and asked Mr. Wisner to report to him immediately (1) who had issued the instructions noted in the above item and (2) what corrective measures had been taken to prevent similar action in the future. In this connection, the Director stated that he had found that too many Indians were issuing instructions without clearance from proper authority; however, he would have no objection to the instructions cited in (1) above if it was found they had been cleared with []. This was cleared with [].

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b. Stated he had discussed [] problem, mentioned at yesterday's meeting, with Gen. [] and had no objection to sending the proposed letter to []. Mr. Wisner noted that he would discuss this letter with [] when he sees him on Friday, 14 March, at 10:30 a.m. DONE - letter has been sent.

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Mr. Dulles:

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Operation would be cancelled for the present time.

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c. Reported on the discussion held last evening between representatives of CIA and State concerning certain activities in Latin America. After some discussion wherein Messrs. Dulles, Wisner and Hedden noted certain actions that we might undertake in this area, the Director stated that (1) he had already given a high priority to Latin America; (2) in recruitment of people ^{for} this area we would go after quality rather than quantity; (3) asked Mr. Wisner to get in touch with [] (whom Mr. Wisner has met and is established in South America) and give him a specific job to do. Done and report made on [] to DCA.

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d. Noted that at the Senior NSC Staff meeting yesterday after considerable discussion the memo to the JCS concerning the Southeast Asia paper had been withdrawn.

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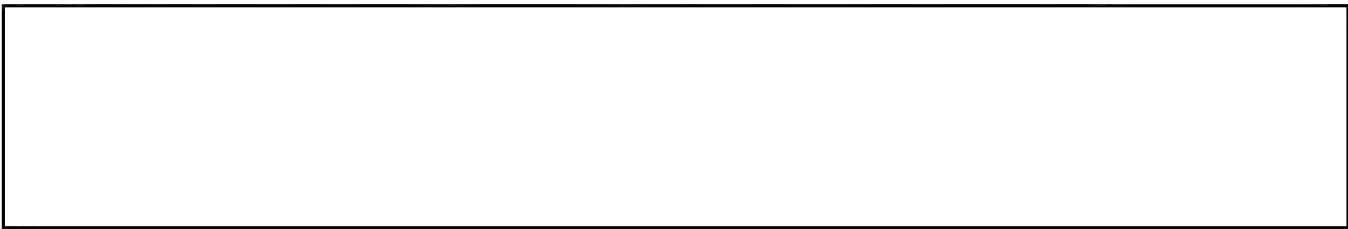
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Mr. Dulles (Cont'd.)

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that he had heard Paul Hoffman was to take over as coordinator of the Eisenhower campaign. In this connection, it was noted that this was possibly the reason why Hoffman had not been of much assistance to us [redacted] The Director then briefly discussed the conversation he had last evening with [redacted] concerning [redacted]

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b. Referred to the report that the Director had discussed yesterday with Mr. Becker and stated he had recommended that Mr. Becker talk with Messrs. Kennan and Bohlen. The Director (1) approved; (2) stated we should check the contents of this report against two or three "other things" we have received along these lines; (3) a sterilized copy of the report in question should be furnished [redacted] for his evaluation. Mr. Wisner undertook to discuss this with Jim Angleton.

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c. Noted he had received a call from Mr. Staats concerning Gordon Gray's report. The Director asked Mr. Wisner to inform Staats of the action being taken on this matter and that the report would be classified and would not go back to Mr. Gray.



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